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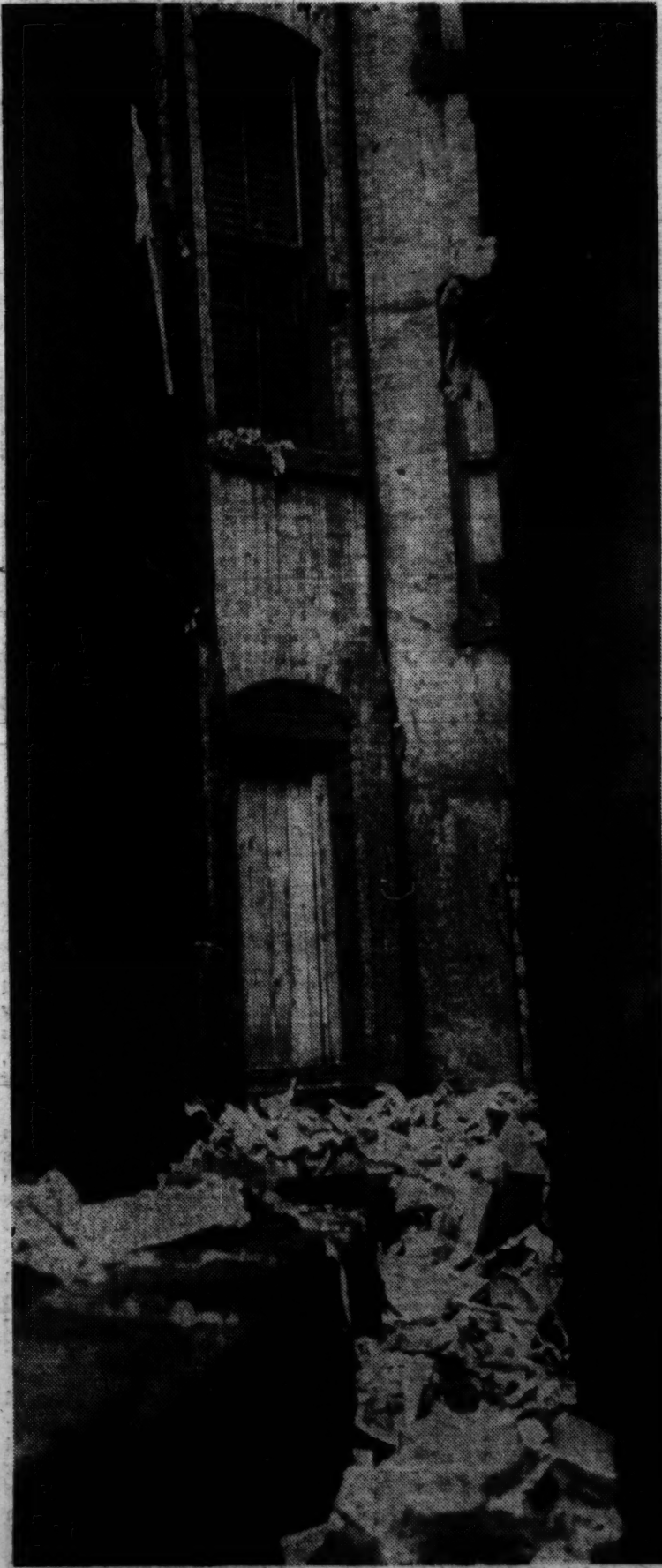
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Councilman Davis Asks Probe Of Harlem Fire-Fighting Needs

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HARLEM AIRSHAFT:

A layer of old paper and other refuse comes up to the six doors and windows closed with pine boards along this 50-foot long airshaft between the buildings at 120 and 122 W. 134 St. A lighted match or cigarette out the window, and it would be gone with a whoof. The strong air currents would whip the flames into the pine openings and into the refuse littered basements of the houses. The rest is easy to imagine.



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WORLD EVENTS

London Dockers Out; Protest Troop Scabs

Stevedores in two great London dock areas, fish handlers at Billingsgate Market and thousands of workers in provincial cities walked out yesterday in protest against the Labor Government's use of troops to break a truck strike, according to United Press. It was estimated that 50,000 key men in the trucking and allied industries were on strike last night.

The London Catering Workers Union decided to walk out today, closing hotel and other restaurants, unless the government called off the troops who are moving food supplies.

In Birmingham the Transport and General Workers Union called a meeting to discuss a general strike of its men there.

Sympathetic strikes continued to spread through the provinces. All big cities were affected, most of them to a minor extent.

Though the effect of the strike on London's food supply was emphasized, other lines of business were hit hard by the eight-day idleness of truckmen.

Reports circulated in Fleet St. last night that some newspapers might have to cut down their present skimpy four to six pages or even suspend publication.

The government, which was compelled to use troops to combat a strike of its own supporters, made its first big attempt today to end the strike.

Under the auspices of Labor Minister George Isaacs a committee of employers and trades union leaders agreed to set up a joint council to start discussing the truckmen's complaints if the men would return to work. The strikers were told that if they reported for duty Thursday morning the council would start work in the afternoon.

Government leaders scouted the idea that London and possibly other cities might be hit by a general strike. They pointed out that none of the present strikes is authorized by the big unions and that the strikers are getting neither wages nor strike pay.

But the rapid spread of sympathetic strikes, including those of men who refused to handle food

because it will be channeled through the troops, shows union rank and file anger at the use of the fighting services by a Socialist Government as strikebreakers.

The central strike committee of the truck drivers, the men in charge of the truckers' strike, themselves

asked last night that all workers "not directly involved in this dispute" remain at their jobs, according to UP. At the same time the committee urged that the workers not involved put all possible pressure on the government to withdraw the troops.



WORLD BRIEFS

Sentence 3 to Death As Spies in Warsaw

COUNT XAVIER KSAWERY-GROCHOLSKI and two co-defendants were sentenced to death in Warsaw for spying against the Polish State. The Count, an underground agent for Lt. Gen. Wladislaw Anders of the defunct London government-in-exile, was linked during the trial with British Ambassador Victor Cavanish-Bentick.

SEN. VANDENBERG'S Foreign Relations Committee served notice it will question incoming Secretary of State Gen. George Marshall on his plans for aid to China. Vandenberg wants to drop all pretenses of impartiality and

Austin Sworn In As UN Delegate

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Sen. Warren Austin was sworn in today as permanent American delegate to the UN, and immediately insisted that the Security Council begin consideration of the Baruch plan on atomic energy by Feb. 4. Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko charged last week that American insistence on giving priority to atomic problems was intended to delay general disarmament talks.

mediation going all out for Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang dictatorship.

TEHERAN CITIZENS demonstrated against the "complete lack of freedom for opposition parties" in current Iranian elections. Six speakers were reported injured when police charged on demonstrators in front of the Shah's palace.

Chou Assails Marshall Report

NANKING, China, Jan. 14.—Gen. Chou En-lai, Chinese Communist leader tonight held Secretary of State Gen. George C. Marshall was trying to deceive the Chinese people in asserting China's new constitution is truly democratic.

Chou congratulated Marshall on his statement that the Kuomintang is steered by a reactionary group, but he expressed disappointment that "Marshall did not mention Chiang Kai-shek himself as the highest leader of this reactionary group."

Greek Ex-Premier Here; Hits Fascist Regime

John Sofianopoulos, former Foreign Minister of Greece, warned here yesterday that there is a danger of war in the Balkans and appealed for America's "moral assistance" to avert it.

Addressing a press conference at the Waldorf-Astoria, the short, wiry veteran diplomat blamed the Tsaldaris government which he said "has declared a ruthless war against all democrats, branded as 'Communists' and has imposed fascism in the country."

Civil strife—for which the gendarmerie and royalist "X-ites" are mainly responsible—"now covers nearly the whole of Greece," he declared. Existence of any border clashes, he commented, to be proved by the UN Commission of Inquiry which will reach Athens at the end of this month.

The only solution, as outlined by the former Foreign Minister, requires immediate and simultaneous evacuation of British troops from Greece and formation of a genuine coalition government.

Sofianopoulos insisted that such a government must include non-parliamentary parties like EAM and the Communists, because these represent 45 percent or more of the electorate which abstained from the elections last March. Nothing less can halt current violence, he warned.

[Athens dispatches indicated that government changes are in the air, with Premier Constantin Tsaldaris fighting to hold his job or at least to share it with Liberal Party chief Themistocles Sophoulis. Sophoulis appeared to be holding out for the Premiership, but to be limiting his ideas of coalition to the parties now represented in the narrow parliament.]

URGES FREE ELECTIONS

Sofianopoulos suggested that America's "moral assistance" should be directed toward formation of an all-party government which "would have to grant an amnesty, to disarm both sides, purge the state machine and electoral list, and hold free elections for a National Assembly."

"These measures," he predicted, "would put an end to civil strife, and would remove the danger of war in the Balkans by the reestablishment of good relations with our northern neighbors, and with all our great Allies without discrimination."

Such a government, plus a strongly guaranteed agreement for internal peace, he asserted, are necessary if Greece is to get a better deal on her national claims and American economic aid for reconstruction.

Sofianopoulos heads the Left Republican Union, a democratic party not associated with EAM. He led the Greek delegation to the San Francisco UN conference and was architect of the Varkiza agreement which ended the Dec., 1944 civil strife. He arrived here five days ago from Great Britain and plans to meet shortly with government officials in Washington.

Big 4 Deputies Open London Treaty Talks

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin opened the meeting of deputies of Big Four Foreign Ministers yesterday with a plea for a treaty that will prevent military resurgence of Germany and a peace plan that will save the world from war "for hundreds of years to come," according to UP reports from London.

Bevin urged an Austrian treaty "which will not handicap her economically in her relations with other powers" and indicated that Britain will seek control of the Danube by non-Danubian powers.

The opening session, closed to the press and public, lasted two and a half hours, during which Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Fedor Gusev differed with the Western powers on concurrent discussions of the German and Austrian treaties. Gusev indicated he favors consideration of the Austrian treaty after the German draft is concluded.

Auriol Speaker

PARIS, Jan. 14.—Socialist Vincent Auriol was elected speaker of the French National Assembly at the opening of its 1947 session today.

BRAZILIAN DIARY III

The Knight of Hope Stirs Millions

By Joseph Starobin

RIO DE JANEIRO.

In mid-December, almost all the national leaders of the Brazilian Communist Party were going off into the countryside for the election campaign. Luis Carlos Prestes chose the industrial region around Sao Paulo for his first trip.

In the Christmas week, he covered seven or eight small towns in the hinterland, travelling by auto and train about 1,000 miles and speaking to at least 75,000 people. In every town, he would visit the local organizations, especially the farms. Thousands of peasants came into the towns on trucks to hear him speak. After this trip, he was going 3,000 miles to the North, and then back again to the far South, near his home town of Porto Alegre.

I caught up with the first leg of this tour at the town of Campinas, a center of some 80,000 people, perhaps 60 miles outside of Sao Paulo, which is the Chicago of Brazil. It took three hours to reach Campinas on a dilapidated railway which the British have sold to the Brazilian government at a very good price. Prestes had

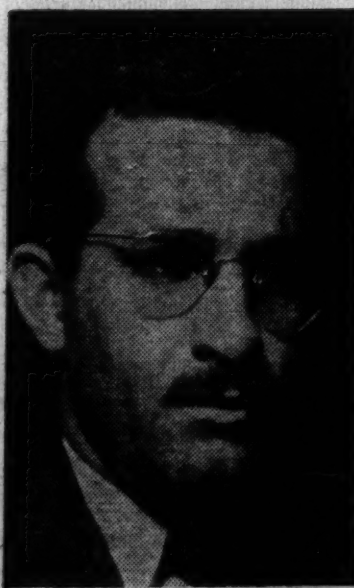
just met with the press, and after a meal at the home of a local leader, he was ready for the meeting.

But it had rained all day at Campinas, and it was still raining. Instead of the 20,000 people who were expected to crowd the city square, perhaps 8,000 got into the Municipal Theatre which normally holds four. There I saw Prestes in action.

There were many other speakers before Prestes—candidates for the state legislature of Sao Paulo, one of them a woman and known to be a devout Catholic. There was the famous painter, Candido Portinari, a man accustomed to paint and brushes, who was now making his first address in the campaign for the senatorship from the Sao Paulo area.

The Municipal Theatre was jammed. People hung from the three balconies, and stood in the aisles overhanging the musicians' pit. Working men and women, their colors, blending into the quaint gilt and suave yellows and pinks and whites of the theater itself.

They wanted Prestes. They



MILTON CAIRES DE BRITO
Communist Deputy from Sao Paulo

cheered for 15 minutes and he stood there behind the speakers table waving his arms in response. On the front right, I saw a man of 50 weeping, snorting into handkerchiefs the way men weep. It was "Prestes, Prestes, Prestes"

again for five minutes more.

Brazil's Cavallero da Esperanca (Knight of Hope), is short and squarely built, and he stands very erect, his head thrown back. His hair is still black, very black, setting off regular features against olive skin.

His forehead is domed and his cheek bones high, and the eyes are set very deep—very deep black eyes which glint with the suffering of nine years in almost solitary confinement.

There are deeply graven lines in his cheeks, which disappear when he smiles. And it is a winning smile that suddenly makes him look years and years younger.

It is a magnetic face, very cool and objective. It gives the impression of immense strength and confidence without ever becoming harsh. The best word to describe the countenance of Prestes is an old one—noble.

He spoke that night for more than an hour, perhaps his seventh speech in that many days. His manner begins with informality, establishing a bond with his audience immediately. And while he speaks extemporaneous-

ly, his ideas are rigorously organized.

Yes, he was happy to be back at Campinas, which he remembered from a visit in that first summer of 1945. Our party, he says, is the party of the workingclass, of Socialism. But Brazil is far from ready for Socialism. The workingclass, whose mission it is to abolish the exploitation of man by man, has a more immediate task. Its task is to build the unity of the nation, to raise productivity to defend the constitution against all adventurers.

The workers must unite with the peasants, with those employers who want to expand national production, yes, even with those landowners who understand the urgent necessity of increasing the internal market.

The Communists, he says, have no fancy abstract formulas. They have concrete plans, formulated by intensive study—and he recalls in passing that he learned about Brazil in the famous Coffman of the mid-twenties, which evoked wild applause.

The Communists propose agrarian

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LABOR and the NATION

Defeat the Union-Smashers

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

THE 80th Congress is lousy with union-busters and they cannot restrain their impatience to begin trying to wreck the labor movement. All through the Roosevelt period these open-shop politicians, who are just so many agents of the big corporations, have watched with ill-disguised hatred the tremendous growth of the trade unions. It was the hardest blow the big capitalists of this country ever received from the workers when the CIO organized the basic industries.

But the employers feel that the time has come to begin undoing all this work of organization. Their special brand of stooges, the Vandenberg, Taft, Ball, Knutson et al., are now at the helm of the government and their number one task, as allotted to them by their big capitalist masters, is to cut the guts out of the trade union movement. In their eagerness they have literally swamped Congress with the biggest deluge of anti-labor bills it has ever known.

Some of the "calmer heads" among the Republicans, however, are alarmed at the violently anti-union sentiment in the ranks of their party's Congressmen. They are afraid that if the latter go too far in their attacks on labor at the start it will bring about the very calamity that the capitalists fear most, namely, a united and aroused labor movement. What these "saner" Republican counsels would



like to do would be to knife labor only partially to begin with, and then, if they get away with this first attack, give the unions the works a little later on.

Obviously, this situation is one where the workers must be doubly on the alert to protect their unions. If the workers will move in all their anger and might they can deal the open-shop union-busters in Congress a smashing defeat. Already these people are afraid of awakening labor. The unions should realize this fact and therefore give the reactionaries a real taste of what they are so mortally afraid of—united labor action.

AS YET, the labor movement, however, has not awakened to the grave danger that confronts it. So far the protests against the Republican union-wrecking program in Congress are relatively few and far between. One would think that by now every labor union in the country—national, state and local—would be indignantly protesting and letting the capitalists of the country know that the workers are going to fight to save their unions. But such, unfortunately, is not yet the case.

Why is not labor moving in strength against the attacks of the open-shoppers in Congress? Do the leaders (or workers) harbor illusions to the effect that the trade unions have now become truly recognized by the bosses and that the latter no longer want to injure them? Do they believe that the employers would not dare to attack labor unions that are 15,000,000 strong? If so, these leaders and workers had better get such foolish notions out of their

heads, realize that organized labor is facing a heavy offensive, and proceed to develop a real struggle.

United labor action, on both the industrial and political fields, is the key to a union victory in the present threatening situation. William Green, head of the AFL, contemptuously refuses the offer of cooperation made not long ago by Phil Murray, president of the CIO. But the AFL workers should not sit calmly by while their dictator president so insolently betrays them. They should demand in no uncertain terms that the leaders of the AFL should join hands with those of the CIO in a program of united political action directed against union-busters in Congress. This is the way to victory.

The organized workers should reply to the employers' union-smashing offensive by a counter-offensive of their own. They should unite their forces for an aggressive fight against the anti-labor legislation in Congress, and they also should begin actively preparing to launch a broad third party for the 1948 elections. Wherever there is a Communist or a progressive in the trade unions he should be on his toes demanding that this be done. Even the top AFL leaders will move if a big enough fire is built under them.

If organized labor is inactive in the face of the big anti-union attack in Congress it will be in for a serious defeat. But if it wakes up and takes appropriate aggressive action it can wrest a victory from the situation by attaining a firmer degree of unity and a higher level of political action than it has ever before known.

Dewey Pay Offer Fraud--Teachers

Both Governor Dewey's message to the State Legislature and the report of his committee on teachers' salaries are "monstrous frauds to cover up the administration's complete failure to cope with the crisis in education," the CIO Teachers Union charged yesterday. The union said

Protests Win Death Stay For Mississippi Negro Boys

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 14.—The Mississippi Supreme Court yesterday granted a stay of execution for two teen-aged Negroes under death sentence for murder so their case can be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The youths, Charles Trudell, 16, and James

DELEGATES TALK UNITY AT CIO FOOD UNION PARLEY

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14.—Unity was on everybody's lips as today's session of the CIO Food and Tobacco Workers discussed how to win president Donald Henderson's proposals for better wages and defeat the anti-labor barrage in and out of Congress.

Unity was put into action, too, right here at the convention. An anti-discrimination committee was set up on the floor to visit the Mayor and take other steps against local Jimcrow restaurants and hotels.

Roy Marmonte from Modesto, California, speaks of the same unity that John Gallacher calls for from Chicago in his rich Irish tongue.

"In Chicago," says Gallacher, "unity is a question of fighting against gangster tactics and boxcar slavery imposed on Mexican, Puerto Rican and Negro workers."

Mary Loftin gets an ovation as she tells about the struggles of her new tobacco leaf local for a contract in North Carolina. "It is hard, but we are not going to give the struggle up. It will be done and we are going to do it."

The big drive continues in the South, president Henderson says,

as telegrams of solidarity are read from CIO president Philip Murray, Van A. Bittner, chairman of the CIO organizing committee; Michael Quill, Harry Bridges, R. J. Thomas and other CIO leaders.

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 14.—Wage increases of \$16,004,347 annually for the nation's fur and leather workers were won by the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO, in the eight months since its last convention, in May, 1946, were shown in incomplete reports of district and regional directors to the semi-annual meeting of the International Executive Board of the union here.

Highlighting today's board session were the addresses by two IFLWU congressional candidates in the November elections. They were given by Edmund V. Bobrowicz, IFLWU organizer in Milwaukee, and

Lewis, 15, had been scheduled to die in the state's portable electric chair at Woodville, Miss., Friday.

The court ruled there was reasonable grounds for an appeal to the highest court in the land, and the stay of execution became automatic. The defense had contended that the all-white jury which found the boys guilty of slaying James McKey, a white sawmill operator, did not render an unbiased verdict according to civil rights.

\$16 MILLIONS PAY RAISE WON SINCE MAY BY CIO FUR AND LEATHER UNION

Richard B. O'Keefe, manager of Leather Local 21 in Peabody, Mass.

Bobrowicz, who won the Democratic Party primary nomination in the Fourth District of Wisconsin, polled over 45,000 votes, and was narrowly defeated by the Republican candidate after being knifed by the Democratic Party machine. O'Keefe, who won the Democratic Party nomination in the Sixth District in Massachusetts, polled over 37,000 votes against the incumbent Republican.

Proposals for introducing national legislation to make possible government help to unemployed veterans

the governor and his committee "are deliberately trying to confuse and deceive the public and teachers" in the teachers' pay situation. "Let there be no mistake about this," a union statement urged. "The report, the message and the proposed legislation mean not one cent increase for the teachers of New York City. Gov. Dewey knows this and is attempting to jam the legislation through before the teachers or the public can have an opportunity to be heard."

WELL AWARE

"Gov. Dewey is well aware that the teachers of New York City and most other industrial cities of the State have had increases since June 30, 1945 and that these increases have not been enough to meet the rising living costs, or, for that matter, enough to keep the teachers in the schools."

The CIO Teachers said the Dewey proposal "merely reimburses the cities to the extent of \$300 for raises already granted."

"He has kept a string on the bone so that he can yank it back

at his personal political desire," they charged. "The proposal for a \$2000 minimum salary is an insult to the teachers of New York State. This sum bears no relationship to the needs of the profession or the needs of the children."

The entire report and message is completely unacceptable to the teachers of New York, the union declared.

WILL ANSWER

The statement said teachers "will answer Mr. Dewey's attempt to make a political football out of New York's educational crisis by staging the largest demonstration in New York's history."

The meeting has been set for Friday afternoon at the Board of Education's budget hearing 110 Livingston St., Brooklyn.

"The Teachers Union plans to have at least 10,000 teachers present who will demand that the Board of Education adopt a budget based on the needs of the school system and not upon the crumbs that Mr. Dewey is willing to throw to our school children," it said.

"The Teachers Union reaffirms its determination to fight for and to win \$1,050 permanent salary increases and doubled state aid to education. We will settle for nothing less."

(See earlier story on Page 4.)

2 Women Guillotined

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—Two women were guillotined today for "mercy" killings of hundreds of German inmates of an insane asylum.

NEW YORK

Dewey Proposes \$300 Temporary School Pay Rise

By Max Gordon

ALBANY, Jan. 14.—Gov. Dewey handed the Legislature today a special measure giving each school district in the state additional aid amounting to a rate of \$300 for every teacher and supervisory employe for the year.

The measure is strictly an emergency one for this calendar year and for the first quarter of next year. It is designed to tone down the demand of teachers all over the state for an annual increase of \$1,050. Democrats in the Assembly immediately attacked the measure as "too little and too late," but said they would back it when it came to a vote.

It passes the buck to the localities, however, to decide whether this extra money is to be used for pay increases where the teachers have already gotten any locally since June 30, 1945.

The measure, designed by a special committee appointed by the Governor, says that every teacher is to get a wage rate that is \$300 more than he or she received on June 30, 1945.

Where the localities have already granted pay increases, they can decide for themselves whether to use the money for additional increases or to pay themselves back for the raises they have given.

In the great majority of cases, as in New York City, teachers have already received increases of more than \$300. City teachers received an emergency bonus of \$350 on July 1, 1945, and a permanent increase of \$250 as of Dec. 1, 1946.

Under the plan, it will now be entirely up to the city whether it wants to use the extra \$300 given by the state for additional pay, or to use it to pay the increases to

which it is already committed.

In the first case, the teachers will receive total pay increases for the year of \$900 above June 30, 1945. In the second case, they will continue to receive only \$600.

The measure also provides a minimum pay of \$2,000 for the year. This applies only to a few country districts since city minimums are at least that now.

MINIMUMS INADEQUATE

Teachers are highly dissatisfied with the plan because:

- It does not grant the direct, permanent increases they wanted from the state, but merely shifts the battle to the communities.

- Even if the localities do pass on all the \$32,000,000 for jacking up salaries, it will increase pay anywhere from \$300 to \$900 for the year, instead of the \$1,050 sought.
- It does not set the minimum of \$2,700 for New York City teachers and \$2,400 for upstate teachers demanded.

Spokesmen for the five-man committee that set up the measure, all of whom are members of the Governor's inner circle, said this was only the temporary phase of their report. They "hoped" to deliver another, dealing with permanent salary standards later in the session.

The Governor is expected to try to jam the measure through next Monday night. Because it has been deemed illegal to grant pay retroactively, he is using the argument that the more time lost the more pay lost in getting teachers' groups to drop any resistance to it.



Rally Gets Results: This demonstration of 600 office workers of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. at 176 Broadway, brought an agreement the following day with the union—the CIO United Office and Professional Workers Local 96.

1200 Title Co. Workers Win \$6 Raise and 35-Hour Week

Climaxing a long and bitter fight, 1,200 employees of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company yesterday won a \$6 general increase, a 35-hour week and other gains in a new contract signed with Financial Guild Local, 96, CIO United Office and Professional Workers.

Last week the workers had empowered union leaders to take any steps necessary to win their demands. Workers at branch offices had staged stoppages and demonstrations. At the main office, 176 Broadway, 250 employees last Friday stayed at their desks without working until 1 p. m.

On Monday morning 600 employees from branch offices in Brooklyn, Mineola, Riverhead, Jamaica and White Plains converged at the main office demanding the firm negotiate with the union committee.

REACH AGREEMENT

Agreement was finally reached yesterday morning after a 13-hour session at the New York State Board of Mediation. Hundreds of workers jammed the Mediation Board office while the negotiating committee of 10 employees and Peter K. Hawley, executive director of the local, met with company representatives and Irving Bergman, Mediation Board representative.

Other provisions in the new contract call for pay for all time lost in demonstrations and stoppages, \$27 minimum for the least skilled job, time and a half after 37 hours and upgrading of categories. All benefits are carried over from earlier contracts, including semi-annual merit and automatic increases, maintenance of union membership and dues checkoff. The contract runs until Dec. 1, 1947.

The company had rejected all union demands since negotiations began in mid-November and had countered with proposals which the union had rejected.

Haldane to Speak On Bevin Policy Tuesday

J. B. S. Haldane, world-renowned British scientist, will discuss Does Bevin Speak for Britain? before a meeting of trade unionists and members of the New York Committee to Win the Peace Tuesday night, Jan. 21 at Hotel Diplomat. Charles Obermeyer, educational director of the CIO National Maritime Union, will be chairman of the meeting.

Binghamton to Hear Bob Thompson Sun.

BINGHAMTON, Jan. 14.—Bob Thompson, chairman of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, will be the main speaker at a Lenin Memorial meeting here Sunday 3 p. m., at Workers Recreation Hall, 315 Clinton St.

CITY CIO CHARGES DEWEY HOARDS AT PUBLIC'S EXPENSE

Governor Dewey's hoarding of treasury funds at the expense of the people's welfare was condemned by the New York CIO yesterday in a letter to all New York City members of the State Legislature.

Listing shortcomings in the Governor's message at the opening session in Albany, Saul Mills, secretary of the Greater New York CIO Council, asked the legislators to work for:

- (1) Increased appropriations for low-rent housing construction by the state, with guarantees against discrimination.
- (2) Amendment of the state rent control law to bar any increases over present ceilings, and a larger appropriation for enforcement.
- (3) State aid to municipalities based on their contributions to state revenue.
- (4) Salary increases of \$600 a year for state employes, and

\$1,092 for public school teachers.

(5) Return of emergency taxes to the municipalities and increased corporate and personal income taxes for those best able to pay.

(6) Higher unemployment insurance benefits, extension of coverage to all employees not now included.

(7) Strengthening of the Ives-Quinn law to bar discrimination in private universities as well as all employment, with stricter enforcement by the State Commission Against Discrimination.

The CIO accused the Governor of political motives in urging increased taxing powers to municipalities, while seeking no new taxes for the state. His purpose in so doing, Mills charged, is to be in a position to claim low taxes under Republican administration during the next political campaign, while accusing the cities of increasing taxes.

Realty Interests Use Phony Data On Taxes, UOPWA Leader Says

The Metropolitan Fair Rent Committee used phony figures in its open letter to Mayor O'Dwyer and paid advertisements in the press on Jan. 6, it was charged yesterday.

The charge was made by Jack Bigel, president of the New York District, CIO United Public Workers, in a letter to the rent committee, which fronts for large realty interests.

Bigel claimed the committee falsified the facts when it told the Mayor that the proposed increase in real estate taxes was 20 percent instead of 20 points.

"With a basic tax rate of \$2.70 per \$100 of assessed valuation" said Bigel, "a 20 point increase represents a rise of seven percent, in

order for a tax rate to rise 20 percent, as is claimed, there would have to be a 54 point rise in the tax rate and no one has proposed such a raise."

Bigel debunked the claim that a 15 percent rent increase was necessary to cover the tax rise.

He pointed out that a 20 point increase on a \$5,000 assessed valuation will amount to a \$10 tax increase per year. On a \$200,000 assessed valuation it would be \$400.

A 15 percent rent increase in an apartment valued at \$200,000, with an average annual rent of \$30,000 to \$35,000, would bring in about \$4,500 to \$5,200. This sum, according to the committee, is needed to cover the \$400 proposed rise in taxes.

Rank-and-File Leaders Rap Dubinsky Bureaucrats on Illegal Aid

Rank-and-file leaders of Dress Pressers Local 60, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, yesterday attacked the hypocritical position of Dubinsky office-holders who issued a campaign leaflet brazenly admitting the operation of outside organizations within the local.

"The administration officials have often tried to obscure the issues by hurling false charges of 'outside interference' at us," Louis Wise, Rank and File chairman, declared. "Yet, here the leaflet openly admits that such groups as the Workmen's Circle, the Jewish National Alliance, etc., function within the union."

Although the ILG constitution bars organized groups within the union except for the three-month

period of election-campaigning, the Dubinsky clique in their first election appeal, said: "We, the United Trade Branches and Clubs of Local 60, consisting of the Workmen's Circle Branches 760 and 161E; Jewish National Alliance, Branch 60B, and the Clubs of Local 60, are first and foremost dress pressers, devoted to our union..." and urged reelection of present Administration officials.

The rank-and-file group will hold an executive committee meeting next Monday, 6 p. m. at the Malin Studios to draft a call to the membership for the Jan. 23 membership meeting of the local. The Jan. 23 meeting will elect the important Election Objections Committee, which will pass on the eligibility of all candidates.

Rank and filers will press their demands for an honest election at a conference this week with Max Cohen, manager of the local. At the conference, Wise will present a letter listing election machinery demands, which was approved by rank-and-filers at a mass meeting at Manhattan Center last week.

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Probe Harlem Fire Protection, Davis Asks

Communist Councilman Benjamin J. Davis yesterday urged the City Council to investigate the fire-fighting need in Harlem. Davis, who has been waging a vigorous campaign for more fire equipment and personnel charged last weekend at Harlem's Solidarity House that the high loss

8,528 Eviction Warrants Issued Here During 1946

Gov. Dewey is doing nothing to halt the wave of evictions of New York city tenants by landlords, it was charged yesterday by Hyman Blumberg, state

chairman of the American Labor Party.

LABOR BRIEFS

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MOVIE STRIKERS trials in Los Angeles Municipal Court was halted by the Superior Court. On petition of defense attorneys for the 315 arrested pickets, the Appellate Department ordered issuance of a restraining writ pending a hearing on contentions that the "showing that has been made is such as to cast some doubt on the fairness of the trials."

CHICAGO NEWSPAPERS face a shutdown if the strike vote of the Chicago Mailers Union is approved by its parent body, the AFL International Typographical Union. At issue is an inadequate wage offer by publishers. Papers affected: Chicago Sun, Tribune, Daily News, Herald-American, Times and Journal of Commerce.

CIO LONGSHOREMEN and Warehousemen's union in San Francisco revealed the basis of an agreement for a new contract between Hawaiian Longshoremen and Honolulu waterfront employers granting a 30 cent an hour wage increase. The contract will be submitted to the membership for ratification.

LABOR SHACKLING moves blasted in a radio address by A. F. Whitney, president of the

Party.

Declaring the evictions were creating a serious emergency, Blumberg pointed out:

"The records of the Municipal Court show that for the year 1946 a total of 88,214 petitions were filed by landlords in summary proceedings, both residential and commercial."

"The records further indicate that 30,712 final orders in those proceedings were signed by municipal court justices and that 8,528 eviction warrants were issued during the year."

"In view of this situation, it is amazing that Gov. Dewey has not even touched upon the subject of emergency legislation to halt evictions."

"As a matter of fact, during the last session of the Legislature, the Republican majority blocked bills which sought to extend the period of emergency stays in tenant eviction cases from the present limit of six months to one year."

"The American Labor Party calls upon Gov. Dewey and the Legislature to take immediate action so that the evictions are halted at once."

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Subject of Whitney's talk was President Truman's message to Congress. "The veteran labor leader declared it was impossible to give lip service to collective bargaining and at the same time try to put unions under wraps."

SABOTAGE CRIES raised by the Pennsylvania Railroad during the strike last May fizzled in a Philadelphia court when two brakemen were acquitted of charges that they placed tie-plates in a rail switch.

of life in recent Harlem conflagration could have been prevented by an adequate fire department standard in that community. On Monday Fire Commissioner Frank Quayle heatedly denied Davis' contentions, but the councilman yesterday declared a probe would reveal



MODEL MYRA KECK, 18, of Haverford, Pa., named queen of the New York Press Photographers' Ball to be held at a New York hotel.

a deplorable situation in Harlem. Declaring that, "in spite of the fire danger" existing in Harlem and the increase of fires that have occurred there for the past several years, the city has reduced the fire-fighting personnel and the fire fighting apparatus in the district Davis demanded:

"That an investigation be made . . . of the needs for fighting apparatus and personnel in Harlem and other congested areas in the City . . . with respect to meeting the ever increasing fire hazards in such areas," and "to the reduction of apparatus and men in certain areas."

Davis urged the council investigating committee to invite the fire commissioner and other informed public officials to testify.

His resolution was referred to the rules committee. Another Davis resolution requesting Mayor O'Dwyer to proclaim the week of Feb. 9 Negro History Week was sent to the City Affairs Committee.

Both Davis and his colleague Peter V. Cacchione were each named to four important council committees in the 1947 council lineup. Cacchione, in addition to being a member of the Housing, Civil Employees, and Park Committees,

was named to the important committee on general welfare. Davis was named to the committees on Finance, Rules, State Legislation and Parks.

Mayor O'Dwyer's message scheduled to be delivered to the Council yesterday will be made next Tuesday.

Alan Max to Discuss PCA, ADA Friday

Alan Max, managing editor of the Daily Worker, will open the regular Jefferson School Friday evening Review of the Week lecture-discussion series Jan. 17 at 8:45 p.m.

Max's topic this week will be **Two Conferences of Liberals: An Estimate dealing with the Progressive Citizens of America and Americans for Democratic Action.** Admission is 50 cents. The school is located at 575 Avenues of the Americas at 16 St.

HANGOVER PREVENTION is one of the subjects at a bartenders "school" co-sponsored by AFL, Walters and Bartenders Local 500 and a national distillery concern.

To Mourn Fire Victims

A protest and memorial mass meeting for the victims of Harlem's 129 St. fire will be held tomorrow night at the Elk's Auditorium, 160 W. 129 St., at 8 p.m.

The meeting is sponsored by the United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization, to arouse the concern of the entire community over the fire hazards, and to demand prosecution of the landlord.

Bonita Williams, UHTCO executive secretary, said yesterday that a demand would be made to Mayor O'Dwyer to utilize the Legal Bureau of the Department of Building and Housing for immediate action on landlords who are "greedy and unscrupulous in their maintenance of houses in this community and in the city."

Hear what is ahead for America in 1947-1948—Come to the Lenin Memorial Meeting!

City to Get Funds For B'klyn Jail Plans

The Board of Estimate will receive and approve two agreements from the Federal Works Agency allocating funds for construction plans for a new male adult prison in Brooklyn to replace the obsolete Raymond Street jail. The planning funds also will include a remand shelter also in Brooklyn.

The government will advance a total of \$216,000 to the city to complete the necessary building plans. The Raymond Street jail is the

site of the recent escape of nine inmates, of whom seven are still at large.

The modern prison to replace the Raymond Street jail will accommodate 600 prisoners. The Remand Shelter will house the same number of inmates but they will be adolescents awaiting trials in the City Courts. The Shelter will also provide facilities for clinical and mental care and vocational training.

Plan New Bill On Closed Shop

Daily Worker Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. — Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis) today was preparing to introduce a modified anti-closed shop bill because he considers Sen. Ball's measure unnecessarily drastic.

McCarthy's bill would allow a "modified closed shop" to exist after two-thirds of a plant's workers approved it by secret ballot at a "supervised election." Employer agents and strikebreakers would be permitted to work, however, even if they are expelled from a union or denied membership in it.

The bill would also outlaw the permit system, whereby workers are permitted to go on a job pending admittance into the union, until they gain entry they are required to pay a permit fee, which is generally equivalent to union dues.

McCarthy said the objectives of his measure are "to preserve the benefits of the closed shop while eliminating its abuses."

BULLETIN

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 14.—Herman Talmadge, son of the late Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge, polled the most write-in votes for governor in the November election, a legislature canvass revealed last night. His supporters in the Assembly demanded that he be named chief executive on that basis.

Comic War Against a Certain Power

By Harold Mehling

The comic books have joined the big money race to determine who can slander the Soviet Union and disrupt peace sentiment in the quickest, best and most colorful manner.

This seems apparent from a reading of recent issues of Big Shot, a pulp rag put out by Columbia Comics Corp., 369 Lexington Ave., and featuring "Tony Trent," a real nice, clean-shaven young American Army flier who always wins—always.

Here's how it goes:

Major Tony Trent is a passenger in an American transport which has "gotten off its course" and is suddenly attacked by fighter planes with red stars on its wings and fuselage and somewhat resembling the YAK type.

An American fighter squadron comes to the rescue and knocks out 14 of the attackers. A general closely resembling MacArthur congratulates the squadron on its return.

Comes now a foreign officer whose uniform just happens to resemble a Russian high officer's to challenge the Americans to a "mock air war." He says such things as, "I . . . cannot understand your fantastic notions about personal freedom. How can the state function efficiently if it does not dictate what the people shall think and believe and do?"

And one of his subordinates says to an American flier, "We are greatly puzzled, comrades. How is it possible for you to be so happy and so healthy, when you are the miserable victims of such an undemocratic system?"

The battle comes off and the goodies win again and the bad-dies lose.

Which is why we asked Thomas De Angelo, Big Shot's managing editor, whether the "enemy" intended in the portrayal might be Russians.

No, he didn't think so. He thought the artist might not have had any particular nation in mind. He couldn't think of any nation other than the Soviet Union which uses the red star as its military

insignia, but was sure there was one somewhere.

Well, did such rot have a tendency to encourage young people to whom the books are directed to settle delicate world problems without war? Or would it encourage a war-like, no conciliation attitude?

NOT A POLICY

He didn't think it would influence them either way very much.

No, the "Tony Trent" pieces didn't represent a political policy of the magazine, De Angelo said.

"It's not directed against any section of our readers," he said. No, that would cost money, wouldn't it?

Well, we were glad to hear that Russian uniforms and red stars and "comrade" talk wasn't intended to portray Russians or slander the Soviet Union.

The truth of the matter is that here is another case of irresponsibility and slander on the part of publishers who'll do anything for money. And the book may be "comic," but it ain't funny.

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LEARNING THE HARD WAY

By Herb Tank

WE HAD BEEN LISTENING to the Ordinary Seaman's short wave radio. It was after supper, about an hour before Heavy and Slim and the Ordinary would have to go up and stand their watch. The ship was rolling and heaving. Everytime she hit a heavy swell she would grumble and groan like her back was breaking. You could tell when her bow came out of the water because she would shake like a cocker spaniel trying to dry herself. North of Cape Hatteras you can run into some pretty miserable weather.

"Worse than a Liberty Ship," said Heavy. "She rolls worse than a Liberty."

We were all in our bunks. That's about the only place you can relax a little with the ship tossing about the way she was.

"WELL, WHAT do you make of her?" asked Slim. He wasn't talking about the ship. He was talking about the news broadcast we had just heard.

Nobody said anything. Somehow the news hadn't sounded very good even if the commentator was pretty cheerful about it all. It seems that the right wing of the labor movement has found some new buddies. We coupled that news with what we had read in the European edition of Time magazine about the red witch hunt in the CIO convention and the compromise resolution. Said the Ordinary Seaman imitating a certain news commentator: "There's sad news tonight. . ."

Slim's bunk was right below mine. He shoved his two feet up against the bunk and gave a heave.

"Well, what do you say, Tank? Seems like you Reds are getting to be quite a nuisance. Maybe you should drop dead or something."

"I don't know," said Heavy running the words together. "I don't know. . . Sometimes it seems like the only way the labor movement learns anything is the hard way. You take back there in Italy where we were. No red-baiting there in the labor movement. It seems like the labor movement there keeps the bosses and the fascists in their gun-sights, instead getting all sidetracked by sniping at Communists and progressives. But they went through more than twenty years of real big time red-baiting under Mussolini. They couldn't help but learn. I sure hope we don't have to learn that way."

"WELL, SAID SLIM. "We're quite a country for hucksters, you know. Like the guy that book was about." We had a copy of The Hucksters aboard the ship. "We got hucksters in the labor movement, too, you know. There are a lot of boys who talk an awful lot of bleeding for the workers, but its the Pie they're interested in, the Pie and their own necks. So they scare kind of easy, see?" Slim looked up to the Ordinary Seaman's bunk. "A pie card artist," he explained, "is what you guys in the UAW call a pork-chopper." The Ordinary used to be an automobile worker.

"I guess the pork-choppers figure that the same thing is going

to happen now, after this war, as happened after the first world war," commented the Ordinary.

"Or repeat what happened in Germany," added Heavy. "History repeats itself, you know. Maybe they figure on that."

I suddenly remembered something Marx wrote about the second Napoleon. I think that's who it was about. He said something about history repeating itself, the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce. The trouble is, I thought, I just can't see the humor in the situation yet.

IN ONE WAY I think the Ordinary Seaman is right. To a large degree people do base their actions on what they think the future will bring about. Communists do. Communists analyse and scientifically predict the shape of things to come in order to influence, and to help determine, the future in the interests of the working class.

And that is the difference between Communists, other honest progressives, and the hucksters in the labor movement. You see the huckster makes a guess about the future, and then he figures out how he can best adapt himself to it, save his own neck, and keep his pie. What the hucksters seem to forget is that even some of the Social Democratic Hucksters found themselves in Nazi concentration camps right alongside the Communists.

And another thing. I don't think the hucksters in the labor movement are guessing so good. I don't think the same thing is going to happen as happened after the last war.

And I don't think we are going to repeat the history of Nazi Germany either, even though there are a lot of political firebugs around who are trying to start another Reichstag Fire.

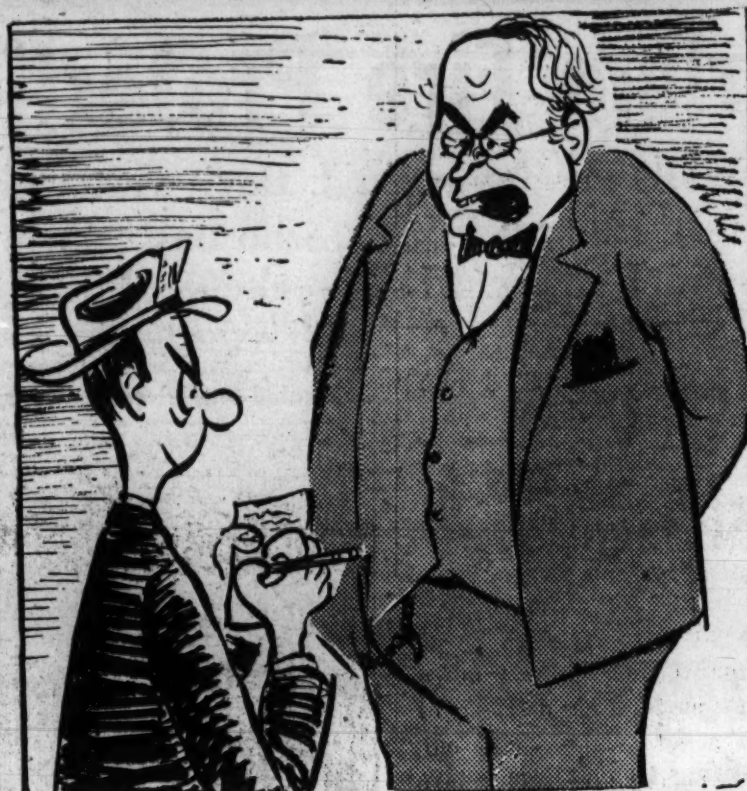
The GOP 80th Congress hasn't got the world by the tail yet. The world today is also a lot harder to grab a hold of by the tail than it was when Hitler made a stab at it.

SOME OF THE hucksters ought to catch a ship and take a little look at what's really going on in the world. They ought to take a look at the labor movements and the Communist parties in other countries the way we did in Italy. Learning from them about anti-fascist unity might be a lot easier than having to learn it the hard way as they did.

There are a lot of other influences on the shape of things to come besides the 80th Congress. And some of these other influences, I think, are going to last a lot longer. You know the man who said it was "one world" nowadays wasn't kidding.

And I'm willing to bet that the American workers are not looking for a way to adapt themselves to fascist tyranny, because there is no way for the working class to have their pie, and save their necks, under fascism. Besides I don't think the system is everything it's cracked up to be. The capitalist system, that is.

Take your pick boys, either the hammer or the anvil be!



"Of course, I'm against wage raises—except, of course, for Congressmen."

Boom-and-Bust (9)

- Heading Us to Depression
- Period of Struggles Beginning

By JAMES S. ALLEN

AS WE HAVE SEEN, both the economic and political forces now dominant within the country are hastening us along the path to a major depression. No protective measures against the approaching crisis can be expected from the government at this stage. The hope of the people must therefore rest upon labor's success in its present wage struggle and the rapid growth of a labor-progressive coalition, which can wrench important concessions from Big Business and the government.

Such a coalition of labor, the farmers, middle classes and the Negro people is imperative to contend with the new threats to democracy and peace arising from fascist and aggressive forces that will be stimulated anew by another great crisis.

A PERIOD of great and intensive struggles is beginning, and during this period we can expect to see the general picture change rapidly. During the last crisis, whole sections of the working and middle classes were suddenly thrust out of their accustomed modes of life, and many saw capitalism in an entirely new light.

Not only were rows of cotton and corn ploughed under, but also many illusions in the minds of people.

Most of our adult generation has lived through World War I and its aftermath, the Great Depression of the thirties followed by the new menace of fascism, and finally through another world war. The younger generation has learned how a severe economic crisis can affect their whole life, and many also see how fascism and war are generated.

The searching inquiry into the basic tenets of capitalism, which was so characteristic of the last crisis, is again becoming widespread. If the contrast between socialism and capitalism was already so marked in the thirties, the contrast between socialist construction in the Soviet Union and depression in the chaotic capitalist world will become even sharper when seen through the lens of the approaching crisis.

Those nations advancing from their present high level of new democracy towards socialism in eastern Europe, and such countries of western Europe as may take this turn, will present us with new alternatives, and with new insights into the dynamics of social progress.

IN AMERICA TODAY we are confronted with the need to prepare in our present struggles and

activities a progressive way out of the impending economic disaster. Let us recall that during the last crisis, a new alignment of political forces arose, represented in the Roosevelt coalition, which produced the New Deal reforms.

The rapid revival of the trade unions, together with mass demonstrations of hundreds of thousands of jobless, won federal social insurance, farm relief, the Wagner Act and other reforms.

Today the elements of a progressive coalition are stronger than in 1929, and the trade union base of such a coalition is greater and more powerful. The split in the labor movement is a major obstacle that must be overcome, as is the weakness of the organized progressives within the AFL and the current red-baiting drive.

THE PERIOD of frustration and disgusted passivity following the death of Roosevelt, which coincided with a new expansionist phase of American imperialism and was followed by Truman's desertion of the Roosevelt program, is drawing to a close. We stand at the beginning of a new revival of the labor and progressive forces in a counter-movement against the outcropping of reaction within the country.

As the economic decline passes from the stage of prophecy to reality, new masses of people will be thrown into motion. The militancy with which the American working class always meets attacks upon its living standards will be heightened by the prospect of poverty after seven years of unusual prosperity.

Such events can also feed fascist movements, as we have learned from Germany and our own Huey Longs during the last crisis.

WORTH REPEATING

Albert E. Kahn and Michael Sayers, in their documented expose of the international plot to destroy the Soviet Union in 1918-1920: "The armed intervention failed in Russia not only because of the unprecedented solidarity and heroism of the Soviet peoples but also because of the strong support given the young Soviet Republic by the democratic peoples throughout the world. In France, England and the United States an aroused public opinion vigorously opposed the sending of men, arms, food and money to the anti-Soviet armies in Russia. 'Hands Off Russia' committees were formed. Workers struck and soldiers mutinied against the interventionist policies of the General Staffs. Democratic statesmen, journalists, educators and many businessmen protested the undeclared and unprovoked attack against Soviet Russia."

Flank Attack On Social Welfare Funds

THE TIMES wants no reduction in the military budget "without inquiry, thorough discussion and adequate proof that it will do no damage to the paramount interest of national defense." It asks immediate Army-Navy merger and "merit" consideration of every item on the arms list before slashing. The Times pits this issue against the "tax-reduction" plans, thereby finding itself able to stay mum on appropriations for social welfare.

THE SUN tries to attack "socialism" by attacking the truckers' strike in England. "What is a bit remarkable is that it should happen in England where labor has elected its own government and is putting a socialistic program into operation," says the Sun. But what it likes best is the use of troops to break the strike by the "Labor" government. Says the Sun: "It is to its credit . . . that, hooted down when it pleaded with the strikers to keep food moving, it did not hesitate to use troops to see that necessary supplies were delivered. This demonstration of firmness may alienate more workers but it will gain popular support." Now figure that one out.

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM has a knife for British workers, too. The use of troops by the government "illustrates a fact as pertinent to the United States as it is to Great Britain—namely, that there are some strikes which no government . . . can tolerate if it is to remain a government," the Telly says, in a call for more troop use on U. S. soil against U. S. workers.

PM'S Max Lerner accuses the Board of Education of holding out information on the selection of a new Superintendent of Schools, rumored to be William Jansen, assistant to the retiring superintendent. "They have thus far not told the people of New York—and they show no inclination to tell them—just what the Kilpatrick report said about the six candidates," Lerner says. "They have not told them whether the Kilpatrick report grades the candidates in order of preference. Nor have they told them what standards are being used in making the selection." Lerner concludes: "This is too late in human history for New Yorkers to get provincial. We want the best man we can get, on this job as on others. And we want to know the reasons why he is the best man."

Labor and the progressives have no time to lose in creating a people's coalition, with a program that will present a suddenly-stricken people with a forward looking alternative, giving them a positive outlook and enabling them to bridle and defeat fascist tendencies.

This is the last of a series of nine on the economic outlook. Readers are invited to address questions on topics covered in the series to the author.



Bound for the Antarctic and Admiral Byrd's expedition is this Navy helicopter, in a test hop in Los Angeles. The serial "windmill" has long-range facilities for scouting and possible rescue assignments.

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'They're Almost Sixteen!'

WHAT does a sixteen year old boy think of as they strap him into an electric chair to die?

Two Negro boys are scheduled to die that way down in Mississippi. Gov. Wright of the state, a close friend of Bilbo, angrily denies that they are fourteen years old. "I have spoken to them myself," he explains. "They are closer to sixteen."

In Louisiana, a Negro boy, Willie Jackson, was dragged to the electric chair last May 3. He is 17 years old. The guards had to fight to strap him in. The current was turned on. But it didn't work for some reason. The august Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that Willie Jackson must be strapped in again to die. They will make sure this time.

The murder of Negro boys goes on all the time. It is said that they "committed murder."

One can judge how much truth there is in these charges from the long list of frame-up, provocations and crimes committed against Negro children—for that is all they are, in fact. It was also said that the innocent Scottsboro boys "committed rape."

Such cases as these recent ones lift the cover on the infamous lynch system, whether it be legal or illegal lynching. It is against this that decent Americans must fight.

Mr. Jackson's Real Fear

BELIEVE it or not, CIO President Philip Murray and Walter Reuther of the United Automobile Workers are now charged with trying to abolish "capitalism."

This charge came from no less a personage than William K. Jackson, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Jackson has proof. Aren't they asking for wage increases and doing so at a moment when profits, even as the enemies of labor boast, are at an all-time high?

Mr. Jackson is very sad. Capitalism as he knows it has been outlawed in half the world and is being "slowly strangled" in the other half. He wants Congress to do something about it. To him, the maturing generation of Americans that were born and grew up during the New Deal is an "anti-capitalist" generation. They have "no memory of the time when the free enterprise system was taken for granted," he cries.

Why should they, Mr. Jackson? Hasn't the average GI found that with all his savings and all the loans available to him from the government and relatives, he is barely in a position even to open a gas station or grocery store, or buy a home?

If it is hard to kid so many people in rich unscathed America what can you expect in the rest of the world.

But Mr. Jackson needn't lose too much sleep. Neither Murray nor Reuther wants to abolish capitalism. So far, in this country, only the Communist Party stands for the people replacing capitalism by a Socialist society some day.

What really bothers Mr. Jackson and his friends is not their fear for capitalism so much as the prospect of parting with a little bit of their lush profits.

In the Driver's Seat

REPUBLICAN committee assignments in the House, like those in the Senate a week ago, are a convincing sign of the GOP's reactionary aims for the 80th Congress.

Every important committee is headed by Tories closely identified with the Republican party's drive against labor, price control and social legislation.

The innocent or naive may argue that committee chairmanships are awarded on the basis of seniority. Others may debate whether Michigan or New Jersey, Taft men or Dewey men, Midwestern or Eastern interests, got most of the plums.

The significant fact is that all the important posts went to proven enemies of the people, all of them connected with the big corporations and their kept press.

ROLL IT BACK



Letters From Our Readers

Unity of Communists And Progressives

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

What is a "non-Communist progressive"? To an Ernie Adamson or a W. R. Hearst and to certain Republican leaders; Communists, Roosevelt New Dealers and all honest writers and thinkers are lumped together to be smeared as "evil Reds." Just how far is the newspaper PM willing to go to escape that "taint"?

PM's Max Lerner says, "It is better all around if the Communists play their own role as Communists and let the progressives play their role as progressives."

May I then add, how can a Communist who is by the fact of his political beliefs a progressive, separate himself from a progressive movement? Since the needs of Progressives and Communist party members are similar, it would be to the advantage of our country if these progressive groups worked in an atmosphere of unity; still retaining their identity, but in a common struggle against reaction and other anti-democratic forces.

R. E. D.

What About Those Free Elections

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I see by the papers that the United States insists Russia and Britain join to enforce a "free" Polish elections. The idea is excellent, but I suggest that free elections be carried out in the State of Mississippi, Jersey City, Greece and any other part of the world where people are ruled by a few against their will, consistent to our State Department demands on Poland.

DAVID SYLVIAMO.

Shake-Up Shapes Up

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Congratulations to Alan Max, who was the only one in the field to accurately predict a "shake-up in a milk shake."

The disclosure of the rigging of milk prices by the big companies in New York State and the investigation of this monopolistic practice which is costing the consumers about \$15,000,000 in higher milk prices was thus first disclosed in our Daily Worker.

V.R.

Let's Face It

MRS. ROOSEVELT DISAGREES

by Max Gordon

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT WAS the top liberal figure at the conference that organized the Americans for Democratic Action in Washington over the Jan. 4 weekend.

But when it was all over she did not become a member of the outfit's organizing committee.

A lot of secrecy surrounded the conference, which was "off-the-record," and my picture of it is somewhat blurred. But Mrs. Roosevelt's World-Telegram column last Saturday suggests all was not peace and harmony, and may be the clue as to why she turned down the organizing committee's offer.

In her column, the former first lady challenges a speech made at the conference by Louis Fischer, one of Social-Democrat David Dubinsky's inner circle, in which Fischer said that fascism and communism are identical, and that when you fight fascism you also fight communism.

MRS. ROOSEVELT quite properly infers that the speech means that Louis Fischer does not believe the Soviet Union and the United States can live at peace with each other and respect each other's independence.

She is against him on that and, in fact, rejects the whole idea behind the ADA, as expressed in its statement of purpose. The ADA classes communism with fascism and claims both have to be fought equally.

Here is the key paragraph in Mrs. Roosevelt's column, and it is a mighty important one, too:

"We who believe that, so far, democracy is the best form of self-government nevertheless recognize that it is not static and changes must come. I think we can see the possibilities of improved cooperation between the communism of the left and the democracy of the center, but there can be no cooperation at any point, at any time, between democracy and the fascism of the right."

MRS. ROOSEVELT writes that she read Lerner's editorial on the subject "with interest," but comments directly only on the part in which Lerner says there is a world of difference between communism and fascism.

I disagree intensely with some

things Mrs. Roosevelt says in that column, as, for instance, when she insists that there are many similarities between "the two totalitarian systems."

She also sees great differences, maintains she is not convinced she knows what those differences are, and then proceeds to list a couple of pretty important ones.

I think she is seriously mistaken when she sees "many similarities" between communism and fascism and we will have to argue further with her on that.

But the point is that people can be mistaken on that issue, can continue to argue it out, and can still cooperate right now in a single progressive movement which will fight like blazes to block those who are trying to drag us into a war, to smash up the unions, to wreck the programs of the New Deal, and to get set for the destruction of democracy altogether.

Considering what we are up against in the country today, this cooperation is not only something we CAN bring about, but MUST if we are to get anywhere.

MRS. ROOSEVELT'S difference with Louis Fischer for his point of view, points to the heart of the unnatural alliance between Social Democrats and liberals within the Americans for Democratic Action.

The great majority of the liberals believe that world cooperation for peace is necessary and possible. They want to work for it against the American species of Churchill.

But not so the Social Democrats. I am reminded, for instance, of Dubinsky's notorious statement at the height of the war in early 1943, when at a Workmen's Circle convention he publicly declared that Nathan Chavin, Workmen's Circle president, spoke also for him when Chavin said:

"The last shot has not been fired. It will be fired from free America—and from that shot, the Stalin regime, too, will be shot to pieces."

Does Dubinsky think that way today? Read the resolutions of the AFL convention, where he masterminded foreign policy, and the New Leader, weekly organ of his Social Democrats!

Yet Dubinsky and several of his close political pals are members of the ADA organizing committee, along with some earnest liberals.

Lenin and the American People

By William C. Kelly

LENIN IS NOT a foreigner to America. Like all truly great men, he belongs to the world. The memory of Washington and Jefferson was celebrated throughout Europe for many years after our American Revolution. It is therefore appropriate that this month freedom-loving peoples everywhere will observe the anniversary of the foremost democrat of this modern epoch—Lenin—who died 23 years ago.

Washington in the 18th century led a struggle for political freedom against the feudal King George III which became world wide. Lenin in the 20th century gave voice and leadership to the strivings of all people to be free from the tyranny of the modern kings of steel, oil, railroads and banks.

Lenin is a symbol of the people's fight for democracy and peace against the plundering monopolists and trusts. He urged the peoples of the world to stand guard and bravely defend their great democratic victories of the past which were being threatened by the rise of the monopolies. Monopoly capital, he taught, means reaction and fascism.

Lenin fought unflinchingly against the imperialist war of 1914-18; exposed the secret treaties of the imperialists to loot the world, and by his courageous fight shortened the war and saved millions of lives.

AS HEAD of the Soviet state, he worked tirelessly for peace between the nations of the world. He not only denounced the oppression of one nation by an-



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other, but, true to his words, he granted freedom to all nations formerly oppressed by the Czar. He wiped out all forms of discrimination against subject people and ended forever the horrors of pogroms against the Jews and the Jimcrow-like practices which prevailed in old Russia.

Lenin was an honest, incorruptible leader with boundless faith in the working class. He urged the workers to build up their political and economic organizations and to strengthen their trade unions—but to use that great power only for great aims. He told the workers and their leaders not to remain always on the defensive, victims of recurring capitalist crises.

He urged them to bring about a common front of the common people against the privileged few and to assume leadership of society in order to solve the problems of jobs, security and peace. Lenin taught that the road to freedom is unity of labor, farmers and the middle class against the trusts. He pointed out that American workers, too, will have to free themselves from the old political parties of the bosses and set up a people's party devoted to the wellbeing of the majority.

At the same time, studying the workers movements everywhere, Lenin taught that each country, to go forward, needs a Communist Party—an organization of the most advanced people able to serve the workers and the nation because of its clear scientific outlook and self-sacrificing activity of its members. Only a strong Communist Party, Lenin taught, can lead the people to Socialism which abolishes the exploitation of man by man by placing industry and the government in the hands of the people.

LENIN WAS a warm friend and admirer of the United States and the American people. He spoke often of the debt that the democratic traditions of the world owed to our land. In 1918 he turned to the American workers for aid in the struggle against the imperialist invaders of his country. In his famous Letter to the American Workers of Aug. 20, 1918, he expressed his faith that the American people would not support the American imperialists that were trying to crush the new workers democracy of Russia. His faith was well rewarded. Soon thereafter the American people

compelled the return of U. S. troops from Archangel and Siberia.

Lenin gave his life for the people of his country and for all humanity. Like Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln his name and works are a heritage of freedom for all mankind. That is why all forward-looking men and women

of America will honor his memory this month. And on Jan. 22, in Madison Square Garden, New York City, a great meeting will be fittingly devoted to paying tribute to Lenin, and to reawaken the people of his city to the need for continued defense of our American rights against the increasing threats of reaction.

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reform, giving land to the peasants—not in the wilds and the jungles but near the bigger centers and railways and roads. The internal market must be increased.

Second, a tax on the vast profits and wealth of the small handful which enriches itself through connections with the imperialist enterprises.

He wants control of the economy, especially in exports and imports. He wants Brazilian national production to expand. The workers must increase productivity and for this, wage increases and improved conditions are essential. Patriotic employers must understand that the future of the nation is at stake; without this, Brazil will become a colony of imperialism.

In a short space of time, Prestes covers the heart of his message. He touches on the dangers that the United States will provoke war between Argentina and Brazil. He touches on the advance of the bourgeois-democratic revolution in the new Europe and

in Asia. He manages to define the Communist attitude toward Getulio Vargas—who retains considerable prestige despite the dictatorship. All in all, it is a fighting campaign speech. But it is also a lesson, a class in first principles. It is a call for the strengthening of the party of the people, the sons of Brazil, the Communists.

In this way, Prestes has spoken to millions in the last year and a half. In Rio perhaps 300,000 heard him in a vast homage a month after his release. In Recife (the north) 400,000 out of half a million citizens turned out. In Sao Paulo, a quarter of a million . . . everywhere men and women wept, and people stood for hours electrified. For Prestes is the love story, the tragedy, the legend of Brazil. He is the man who came out of the Brazilian army and made his way to Marxism, and suffered for it, and came back out of the black night of nine long years in prison—the Knight of Hope forever to the people of his land.

(Tomorrow: The Communist Line)

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WCBS-Big Sister-Sketch
WMCA-News; Mr. and Mrs. Music
WQXR-News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WJZ-Powers Charm School
WCBS-Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR-Listen Here, Ladies
WCBS-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch
WJZ-Galen Drake
1:45-WNBC-Robert McCormick, News
WOR-The Answer Man
WCBS-Road of Life-Sketch
2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch
WOR-Daily Dilemmas
WJZ-Kierman's Corner
WCBS-Second Mrs. Burton
WMCA-News; Matinee Music
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2:15-WNBC-Woman in White-Sketch
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WMCA-News; Matinee Music
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3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins
3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young's Family
WOR-Rambling With Gambling
WJZ-Pat Barnes-Talk
WCBS-Winner Take All
3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness
WJZ-Talk-Jean Colbert
4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife
WOR-Ask Dr. Eddy
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WCBS-House Party
WMCA-News; Mr. and Mrs. Music
WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas-Sketch
4:25-WCBS-News Reports
4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones-Sketch
WOR-Uncle Don
WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs
WCBS-Hollywood Jackpot
4:45-WNBC-Young Wilder Brown
WOR-Buck Rogers-Sketch
WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch
5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries
WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
WCBS-School of the Air
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5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill
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WMCA-Listen to a Story
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EVENING
6:00-WNBC-Kenneth Banghart, News
WOR-George C. Putnam, News
WJZ-News; Sports-Joe Hazel
WCBS-News-Harry Marble
WMCA-News; Talk; Music
WQXR-News; Music to Remember
6:15-WNBC-Serenade to America
WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews
WJZ-Ethel and Albert
WCBS-Labor and the Farmer-William Green
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6:40-WNBC-Sports-Jack Costello
6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Ed and Peggie Fitzgerald
WCBS-Robert Trout, News
WMCA-Sports Resume
7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety
WOR-Fulton Lewis, Jr., Comment
WJZ-Headline Edition
WCBS-Mystery of the Week
WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-News; Concert Stage
7:15-WNBC-News of the World
WOR-The Answer Man
WJZ-Elmer Davis, News
WCBS-Jack Smith Show
WMCA-Echoes of the Big Time
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WJZ-Paul Whiteman Show
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8:45-WMCA-Talk-Norman Stabler
8:55-WCBS-Bill Henry, News
9:00-WOR-Gabriel Heatter
WCBS-Duffy's Tavern, With Ed Gardner
WJZ-The Affairs of Ann Scotland, Sketch, Arlene Francis
WCBS-Frank Sinatra, Songs
WMCA-News; Recorded Music
WQXR-News; Concert Hall
9:15-WOR-Real Stories
9:30-WOR-Name That Song?
WCBS-Mr. District Attorney-Play
WJZ-Pot o' Gold
WCBS-Dinah Shore Show
WMCA-Halls of Congress
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9:45-WQXR-Great Names
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11:30-BBC Radio Newscast
11:45-Musical Comedy Memories
11:55-News Summary
12:00-Midday Symphony, Symphony No. 2 in E Minor by Rachmaninoff
12:55-News Summary
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2:00-Official U.S. Weather Report
2:05-Symphonic Matinee, "Manfred" Symphony by Tchaikovsky
3:30-Harlem Hospitality Club
4:00-Four Strings at Four, Quartet in B Flat Major by Schubert
4:30-"Science for the Seven Million"
4:55-News Summary
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5:30-Songs at Eventide, Richard Martin, Baritone
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5:55-News Summary
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6:45-Official U.S. Weather; USES Help

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On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

Rap for the Rep.

OUR DETROIT CUSTOMERS may know one Rep. Harold F. Youngblood (R-Mich). All I know is what I just read in a story from Washington on his maiden speech in the House.

It seems the gentleman introduced a resolution to hold the 1952 Olympics in the United States, which isn't bad. Then he said Detroit would be a leading contender for the games if they were held in this country, and I don't see why anyone should quarrel with that. Detroit rates high as a sports loving city. I'll never forget the excitement at round double decked Briggs Stadium the night in 1939 an ex-auto worker named Joe Louis came back—world champion—to fight Bob Pastor. Nor the Ford workers standing around the dressing room exit long after the knockout just to get a glimpse of Joe and shout out a hello. In baseball you'd have to go a long way, all the way to Ebbets Field in fact, to beat the intimate community rooting fervor for the home team.

So far so good. Now listen to the rest of Mr. Youngblood's appeal: "Detroit is far to the forefront in staging of such magnitude and entertaining royalty and representatives of all phases of business and society of foreign lands."

I've seen a lot of sports but I can't recall ever seeing royalty, business and society knocking off a 4.04 mile or broadjumping 26 feet. Can you see the workers of Detroit cheering madly as the King of Greece enters the arena?

Detroit, I hope you get the Olympics in 1952 and a chance to welcome the athletes, men and women, from all over the world. But Rep. Harold F. Youngblood, (R-Mich)—no sir.

Attention Rankin Committee

Looking for something on Albert E. Kahn, co-author of the Great Conspiracy Against Russia, Sabotage and the Plot Against the Peace? Get the files of the New York Times round '33 and '34, turn to the sports pages and there it is: "Red Kahn Sweeps Three Events in Track Meet."

Yes, the same Kahn. He was one of two famous Dartmouth red-heads, the other being Red Rolfe of baseball renown. Kahn won the Eastern Low Hurdles championship while a schoolboy at Exeter and only a slight illness kept him out of the 1932 Olympics. At Dartmouth he set the college record of 23.4 for the 220 low hurdles, broadjumped 24 feet, 10 inches indoors, and anchored the mile relay. For three years he regularly copped three first places in most of Dartmouth's dual meets.

He was also on the boxing team and was the top welterweight in school. "For a time I considered becoming a pro boxer," he told me yesterday, "but I was also the class poet and I had to make a decision. My broken nose may have swung me to writing."

Kahn is still very much interested in sports, particularly track and boxing—but just as a spectator. "You can't keep running around the city," he says.

And by the way, he'll be one of the speakers next Wednesday night at the Lenin Memorial Meeting in the same Garden where young Red Kahn of Dartmouth skimmed over the hurdles with flying spiked feet.

Short Takes

Nat Holman is in Florida on a combined vacation-honeymoon while his CONY basketball players take their annual time out to study up for the midterms. The Beavers won't touch a basketball until two days before the Feb. 1 warmup game with the alumni.

Soccer is in for a boom here, says the promotional committee of U. S. Soccer Football. Tours by the best Latin American teams are being arranged and the famed Hapoel team of Palestine will be here in May, followed by a Scottish All Star team expected in June. And if current negotiations come through there may be a visit from the booters of the Soviet Union, supposed to be the best of them all.

Red Auerbach, coach of the league leading Washington pro basketball team, sees little future in the game for the small man. "I think you're going to see the little men, the backcourt feeders run around 6-2 in our league. Baumhols and Sailors of Cleveland are as good little men as you'll find but when I got my bigger men going into pivots and scoring against them Dutch Dehnert had to yank them out of there."

While the men of the press are asking Rickey questions about Jackie Robinson, Jackie himself is winding up a terrific season of basketball on the coast. His Red Devils, a team featuring some of the great recent college players have won 13 straight and packed them in.

Tulane University is out to perk up its basketball team to the point where it can offer LSU and other Southern teams some competition. Its first step—the hiring of a coach from Indiana, the number one state in the exporting of good basketball players and teachers.

Jack Marshall, Chicago's crack Negro bowler, is a diligent campaigner against the disgraceful Jim Crow policies of the American Bowling Congress. Among other things he has just arranged an interracial match tour with white champ Joe Wilman.

ROUNDUP

Babe Ruth, gaining in strength after a slow recovery from a serious neck operation, was reported in a "slightly improved" condition again yesterday.

Joe Tinker, famed Chicago Cubs double-play shortstop of bygone years, has entered Orange Memorial Hospital to have his left leg amputated today.

Barney Ross, 37-year-old war hero and former world lightweight and welterweight boxing champion, has left the U. S. public health service hospital in Lexington, K. Y. a well man—cured of the drug habit. Ross left for Cincinnati, Chicago, and New York yesterday, where he plans to become associated with an advertising agency.

A committee to represent organized baseball in smoothing out troubled relations with college coaches will be appointed today when major league baseball's executive committee assemblies in Cincinnati for its first 1947 quarterly session.

The new committee will act on the college's request that professional teams refrain from signing men before their collegiate athletic eligibility expires.

The greatest racing establishment in the west, movie-maker Louis B. Mayer's extensive stables and breeding farm, is up for sale. Mayer found that running the \$5,000,000 MGM movie enterprise took so much of his time he had none left for picture-making.

THE DAILY WORKER will have complete results of the Labor Hoop Tourney which gets underway tonight. Look for the full box - scores and highlights Friday.

'Greatest Ever' vs. Knickerbockers Tonite

GIRL TEAMS IN PRELIM

Some weeks back, the Washington Capitols thumped Neil Cohalan's Knickerbockers 70-49. In the dressing room later, Cohalan paid tribute to the victors by calling them the greatest basketball team I've ever seen.

Those same Capitols invade the 69th Regiment Armory tonight against those same Cohalan-coached Knicks—and a capacity crowd is expected to view the out-of-town wonder-men. It's true that the Capitols won't be carrying their 18-game winning streak into Gotham—that was snapped by Detroit two weeks ago. But the club that has won 21 of their last 23 games still comfortably leads the eastern division of the new Basketball Association of America.

The Capitols have Bones McKinney, colorful ex-North Carolina University center, who played in the NCAA tournament here last March, and three former All-Americans, John Mahnken, from Georgetown and a New Jersey boy; Bob Feerick, Santa Clara, and John Norlander, Hamline. The fifth starter is touted Fred Scolari from the University of San Francisco. Also with the visitors is Irving Torgoff, who sparked under Clair Bee at Long Island University from 1936 to 1940.

Washington has been averaging 70 points a game and has tremendous height. Feerick, generally regarded the best one-hand shot in the nation, was captain and high scorer of the famed Norfolk NAS quint in 1944-45, the country's strongest service outfit.

Norlander, 1942 All-America at Hamline, scored 409 points in 1944-45 for Bainbridge Naval and had one season of pro ball before joining the Capitols. The bandy-legged, hard-driving McKinney, an

Labor Hoop Games Open

Union athletes take to the courts tonight in the first CIO-AFL basketball tourney since 1940. Sponsored by the up-and-coming Labor Sports Federation, tonight's opener features a twinbill at Seward Park High, and a single game at the Central Needle Trades H. S. gym.

The first game at 7 p. m. on the Seward Park twinbill pits the Furriers Joint Council (A) team against the American Youth for Democracy hoopsters; while the finale shows the Shoe Workers versus Macy's quintet from Local 1-S. At Central Needle Trades High, the single game at 8:30 pairs the Furriers Joint Board against the Williamsburgh Publishing Co. crew from Local '85. And now let's go over the lineups of tonight's games:

Vic Thompson—at forward—a Negro vet who has played starring ball for a Brooklyn church team. Hank Johnson—another Negro forward with a host of experience gained at St. John's and with the Brooklyn Flashes. Nat Weinfuss—who has held down the center slot for the Joint Council teams the past ten years. Al Hirsch—this guard used to play for Boston U. and is rated a fine pop-shot. Mac Horowitz—another Joint Council vet who sparks at guard.

Court Shorts

The Midwest race is off to its usual ding dong start. Ohio State, last year's champs, was knocked off by Iowa Saturday night and Illinois Monday night, by big margins. The Champagne Whiz kids may be dropping that war time rust and heading for the top again. They also trimmed Northwestern.

Iowa has leaped into prominence as a contender, trouncing Minnesota in addition to Ohio State. Wisconsin is another big surprise, with a 70-49 win over Indiana to its credit. Indiana in turn beat Purdue 62-46, and right after Purdue dumped Notre Dame.

Tomorrow's Garden twin bill pits St. Johns against Temple and well rated Syracuse against Manhattan. . . . CONY's next Garden appearance is against Niagara Feb. 27th. Toughest spots on the schedule ahead besides NYU are Fordham, Canisius at Buffalo, Niagara, and Manhattan.

All-Southern schoolboy ace at Durham High, starred at North Carolina State before transferring to North Carolina University. He is the Capitols' top scorer to date with more than 330 points. Norlander and Feerick are also over the 300 mark.

The Knickerbockers led the Capitols for the first month of the BAA campaign with one string of nine straight, but they've dropped seven of their last 10. A number of deals are pending to strengthen the local dribblers.

The Knickerettes and St. Simon Stock, of the Metropolitan Girls' League, clash in the preliminary at 7:45.

Here's the AYD starting lineup: Larry Schwartz—forward. Ray Rothman—this forward used to play on the CONY jayvees. Robert Thweat—he's the AYD jumpman. Elliott Kaver—guard. Jay Best rounds out the quintet at the other guard slot.

The AYD's are coached by George Wolk, who will also referee the second game.

And here is the lineup for Shoe Workers who play Macy's in the Seward Park finals:

SHOE WORKERS:
Lou Zakalin—this forward played for Morris High's team. John Minter—a Negro forward with lots of semi-pro experience. Nat Zucker—this rangy center used to play with the Central Needles Trades quintet. Phil Cohen—a Brooklyn boy and former guard for Lincoln High School. Jim Alderman—Former all-scholastic guard while at Thomas Jefferson High School.

NYU's One-Man Track Team

Seven of the fifteen events on the Met. AAU Meet this Saturday will have the name "Irving Mondschein, NYU" among the entries.

The bespectacled, 5-11½, 197-pounder from Brooklyn won the national decathlon championship last year, which makes him the nation's best all round track performer and our top candidate for the Olympic decathlon honors next year. The last Olympic decathlon, that of 1936, was won by an American, Glenn Morris.

Mondschein came back from Japan, where he wound up his Army career, with a yen for football, which he played there, and became of the best ends around during the recent grid season. He knows his way on a basketball court too but prefers track.

Irving's top marks to date for the decathlon group are: 100 meters—11.3; 400 meters—52.1; 1500 meters—4.46; 110 meter high hurdles—18.1; high jump—6 feet 6 inches; running broad jump—23-3; pole vault—12 ft; shot put—46 feet; discus—141 feet and javelin—150 feet.

Coach Emil Von Elling, who has nurtured many a champ, believes Mondschein hasn't developed his full potentialities yet.

This Saturday night, as NYU tries to maintain its AAU title, he

is entered in the high and broad jumps, 35 lb. weight, 16 lb. shot-put, 70 yard high hurdles, 70 yard low hurdles and sprint medley relay. He will NOT take the tickets at the door.

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BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS

At the Garden Jan. 22



A QUARTET OF THE RADISHEV DANCERS, authentic Russian folk troupe which will headline the sparkling entertainment program at the forthcoming Lenin Memorial Meeting, January 22 in Madison Square Garden. Many other outstanding artists will perform at the 23rd anniversary tribute to Lenin, which will be addressed by Professor J. B. S. Haldane, world famous scientist, Albert E. Kahn, noted anti-fascist author, and national leaders of the Communist Party.

Josh White Says:

'Music Is a Mighty Sword Against Discrimination'

By Ann Seymour

At a time when discrimination against minorities is rampant and the color of a man's skin disqualifies him from all but the most menial tasks every weapon against those ills must be brought into play—take it from Josh White, great singer of American folk songs and topical songs of protest.

"Music is my weapon," said Josh, "and I use it every opportunity I get. Come on down to Town Hall, Saturday night, Jan. 18, and you'll see what I mean. People's Songs is sponsoring my concert and they write and publish the songs I use as a weapon.

"When I sing—White, Brown and Black Blues or Free and Equal Blues I'm wielding a mighty sword, and when I sing Strange Fruit or Talking Atomic Blues I feel as powerful as an M-4 tank.

"Why, in Louisville, Ky., I sang Strange Fruit which is the most potent anti-lynch propaganda ever written. Mind you, this was in a Southern town—a representative Southern town—and the people caught the message and reacted accordingly. Their reception was loud and long.

"A song, sung with the weight of a man's beliefs behind it car-



JOSH WHITE

ries a tougher punch than a speech with the most powerful words in Mr. Webster's big book in it.

"The attention of an audience to a song is held by the accompaniment of the guitar, the sound of the voice, the lilt and swing of the tempo of the song and the forcefulness of the words lifts them out of their seats onto a magic carpet to where the words tell about.

"And in their minds and hearts they, too, are singing with me, believing with me what the words say. Believe me, a song is a heluva potent weapon."

(Dorothy Brewster, Associate Professor of English at Columbia University, recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union. Her impressions are recorded in an article entitled 'Notebook on the USSR' appearing in the January issue of Soviet Russia Today. The following excerpts from the notebook are reprinted through the courtesy of the editors of SRT.)

By Dorothy Brewster

Leningrad:

We visited the Medical and Pediatrical Institute, which trains specialists in children's diseases and workers for children's health services. There is a hospital for children up to 14 years old, and 75 beds for maternity cases.

A small group of war orphans, carefully chosen for complete normality—they are all under four years old—live within the grounds, so that the students can study the normal child as well as the sick child.

A beautiful seven-months' old baby was put through his physical exercises by the nurse, to his own great enjoyment as well as ours.

In the sunny room where several premature babies lay in their incubators, there were a number of photographs or prints of great men who had all either been born prematurely or had a very bad start—Darwin, Newton, Cuvier, Renan, Napoleon, and others. Were they there to inspire the incubator babies to high endeavor and make the nurse more zealous to cherish these underdone babies? A charmingly humorous and imaginative touch—socialist competition, or individual initiative?

Moscow Orphans Home:

One of the 3,000 homes for war orphans, between the ages of three and six. The building erected 20 years ago for a kindergarten, stands among pine trees and orchards. During the last few years, 350 orphans have been cared for here—many of them adopted from here. There are now 125 youngsters in the home, all but five complete orphans; those five have mothers who are mentally ill from war experiences. They were all out playing games in the sunshine.

Ilyusha ran up as the Director came to meet us, and she had him welcome us in the name of the "children's collective"—a little joke which Ilyusha seemed to appreciate. Yevdokia Glebkova, the Director, has been inspector of children's homes for 17 years, and in charge of this little orphanage for four years. The policy is to have no more than 125 children in these groups. Thirty people were on the staff, including nurses, and 13 of them were teachers.

The house was divided into four sections, one for each of the four age groups; each had its dormitory, lavatory, kitchen (or serving room), and big play-work room, where they ate at little tables. We shared their lunch.

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excellent cocoa, rice, pirozhki filled with finely chopped egg, and the biggest apples I saw anywhere around Moscow.

The play materials were all of the simplest sort—clay, papier-mache, coarse linen for their embroidery—one little girl of five was already quite an artist with her needle—water colors and crayons. They had built miniature airdromes and factories and garages, little models of planes and ships. Their water colors were particularly exciting—no surprise to us, who had seen exhibits of Soviet children's art work in this country. The children were a fine healthy looking group, the boys in little blue shorts and blouses, the girls with bright colored short dresses over their bloomers; no uniformity except that of cleanliness and comfort.

The Lenin Library:

A warm sunny July morning in the children's reading room. All of the 250 seats were occupied, though it had looked for days as if all the children were leaving Moscow for summer camps.

I peeked over the shoulders of two little boys, sitting together; one was reading *Huckleberry Finn* (in Russian, of course) and the other *Oliver Twist*. Near them a little girl was reading Kipling's *Jungle Book*. Others were poring over stories by Marshak and other favorite Soviet writers. The Russian friend with me said she and her playmates had acted out every scene of *Tom Sawyer*—with true Russian realism, including a dead cat.

A Street Encounter:

One day a woman with a boy of about 11 asked me how to get some place. There were many strangers in Moscow and I was often asked such questions. I must have looked just like any other Moscow citizen, in suit, blouse and beret. When I explained I didn't know the way because I was a stranger and an American, their faces lighted up, and the woman exclaimed, pointing to the boy, "He is beginning to study English."

He had been at it only a week or so, but few as his words were, he produced them with pride. The woman believed we would have

peace sooner if we only could speak an international language.

They wanted to talk about many things, but my Russian was inadequate; so we shook hands and I said very formally (right out of my "Russian Conversation—Intermediate") how pleased I was to make their acquaintance, and I remember how bright the boy's eyes were with the excitement of the encounter.

The Moscow Art Theater:

During the intermission I was walking around in the buffet and noting what nice looking bread and sausage you could get without ration coupons. Then I heard my name: "Isn't that Professor Brewster?" and I looked around and recognized Nina, one of the first group of Soviet students who had come three years ago to study at Columbia. She gave me news of some of the others, told me with pride that her sister was now in the ballet and that she, herself, had an interesting job.

I thought how nice it would be when the time came that a Soviet professor would be greeted in the intermission at a New York play by one of his American students who had studied at Moscow. How can we make that decent human interchange come true?
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Postscript—New York, October:

I hear as soon as I come back to my city that the Department of Justice ordered visiting artists and writers from the Soviet Union to register as foreign agents, and so they have all gone back home. And I remember with acute embarrassment how, at a little dinner given in my honor by some of the Soviet writers and the friendly people at the Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, I urged them to come and visit my city.

I said it was true that some Americans were unfriendly—but there were many more of us who welcome them—and we, too, had a wonderful city in its own way. How nice it would have been, had I been asked in Moscow to register as a foreign agent!

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BRIEFS

A feature-length documentary film of the life of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, to be known as *The Roosevelt Story*, is near completion after nine months of research and cutting, and will have a Broadway premiere in February, it was announced by Tola Productions. Nearly a million feet of available film were scrutinized and "edited down" to encompass the first comprehensive motion picture biography of the late President. It will trace his life span, from his early days in the New York State Senate to his tenure as Assistant Secretary of the Navy; it then reaches across his career as Governor of New York and as President for the somewhat more than three terms that he served. The pictorial narrative follows him to within a few days of his death. The accompanying musical score is by Earl Robinson, who included a new ballad, *Toward the Sun*, dedicated to the late Mr. Roosevelt. Lyrics are by Lewis Allen, who, together with Robinson, wrote *The House I Live In*, among other songs. Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt served as editorial consultant. Special material for *The Roosevelt Story* was made available to the producers by the Roosevelt family. The script was prepared by Lawrence Klee, and editorial supervision was under Walter Klee.

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Supreme Court Adjourns Mine Case, Delays Ruling

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. — The U.S. Supreme Court closed a four-hour oral hearing in the case of the government versus John L. Lewis last night and adjourned without word as to when it will hand down its decision.

Indications were according to UP, that it would be three weeks or more before the nine justices deliver their verdict on the appeals by Lewis and the AFL United Mine

Workers against the \$3,150,000 fines levied upon them for defying an anti-strike injunction issued by the Federal District Court last Nov.

The union's chief attorney, Welly K. Hopkins, and Joseph A. Padway,

general counsel for the AFL, argued the Federal Court has no right to issue the restraining order.

Justice Felix Frankfurter at one point suggested that the mine leader, and his union "flagrantly" disobeyed the lower court and he pressed Padway for an explanation.

Padway retorted that since the UMW regarded the order as illegal no wrong was done in defying it.

Attorney General Tom C. Clark took personal command of the government's legal fight.

Clark insisted that the government is not fighting for a legal ruling which would "interfere with the recognized rights of labor."

Reject Curran Policy In Baltimore NMU

President Joseph Curran of the CIO National Maritime Union (NMU) was repudiated Monday night in Baltimore, the first stop in his campaign tour to reverse union policy and withdraw from the Committee for Maritime Unity (CMU).

The membership of the Baltimore NMU rejected the report on the recent National Council meeting delivered by port agent Frank Dunleavy, a member of the anti-CMU bloc, who urged acceptance of the minority position put forward by Curran and his nine supporters in the Council. Curran was present at the meeting, although he did not participate in the debate prior to the vote.

Included in Dunleavy's rejected report was a recommendation for a "vote of confidence" in Curran.

Curran spoke for about two hours after the vote. When he finished his speech was accepted formally as a report, as is customary.

AGAIN INDORSED

In New Orleans, which has been a center of the anti-CMU bloc and which supported Curran prior to the National Council meeting, the minority position was again endorsed at a meeting Monday night. Almost half of those attending reportedly did not vote.

A feature of the New Orleans

meeting was the demand that Curran drive all Communists from the NMU. Curran has maintained all along he has no intention of starting any witch-hunts in the NMU and that he supports the right of all NMU members, regardless of political affiliation, to hold office in the union.

A Detroit membership meeting Monday night also supported the pro-CMU position of the National Council and condemned Curran.

At the meeting in this city Monday night no controversial decisions were taken, because of Curran's absence from the city, and the report of N. Y. port agent Paul Palazzi was adopted. Palazzi is a CMU supporter.

SOLE ISSUE

Sole controversial issue at the meeting was the election of a chairman, in which Frederick N. (Blackie) Myers, a former vice-president and a CMU supporter, defeated vice president Jack Lawrence by a decisive margin. Lawrence

Labor Dept. Plans Anti-Union Bills

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The Labor Department is drafting a bill to ban jurisdictional strikes and is working on other measures proposed by President Truman to curb unions, Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach disclosed yesterday.

The list includes prohibition of secondary boycotts and a law providing compulsory arbitration of disputes arising out of interpretation of contracts.

Schwellenbach criticized only one proposal specifically—creation of a mediation board, which has been suggested to replace the National Labor Relations Board.

son has been aligned with Curran against the CMU.

The NMU yesterday was still awaiting a reply from Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach on its request for an arbitrator to settle the demand for a 25 percentage wage increase from 39 Atlantic and Gulf coast shipping firms.

The union is also seeking a 25 percent increase in overtime rates. Demands were made on the basis of a wage review clause in the contract.

Negotiate Case of Worker Fired By Jewish Women's Council

By Bernard Burton

The case of the trained field worker fired by the National Council for Jewish Women for carrying out a "Communist line" was held over yesterday for direct negotiations between the Council and Social Service Employees Union Local 19, CIO United Office and Professional Workers. Announcement of direct negotiations "within the next few days" followed a conference at the State Board of Mediation.

Disclosure of the firing was made Monday with the release of letters and "exhibits" sent by Mrs. Joseph Welt, national council president, to CIO president Philip Murray and UOPWA president Lewis Merrill. Mrs. Welt cited the CIO policy statement on communism and Merrill's "recent public statement."

Mrs. Welt wrote to Merrill: "That this problem is a matter of grave concern to organized labor has been fortunately recognized by the CIO at its recent convention and by yourself personally in a recent public statement."

MUST RESIST

The UOPWA at an extraordinary policy conference this weekend declared, however, that "it is necessary to resist employer intimidation, propaganda and red-baiting to win our fight for adequate raises and security."

Mrs. Welt's "exhibits" included

books and organizations recommended as reference sources by the field worker whose name was withheld. Also included was material prepared for the council dealing with a study of child welfare policy in England, the United States and the Soviet Union.

In the list recommended by the employee to a chairman of a mid-western section of the Council, the following were included in "exhibit A":

British Information Service, Brandon Films, Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, PM, National Council for Soviet-American Friendship and the National Council on African Affairs.

The books included Germany Is Our Problem, by Henry Morgenthau; Shark Fins and Millet, by Hona Rolf Suess; The Cross and The Arrow, by Albert Malis; Firing Squad, by F. C. Weiskopf; Famine, by Liam O'Flaherty; Appointment in Athens, by Glenway Wescott; Dilemma in Japan, by Andrew Roth; My Native Land, by Louis Adamie; Road to Teheran, by Foster Rhea Dulles; Solution in Asia, by Owen Lattimore, and Pattern of Soviet Power, by Edgar Snow.

"Exhibit B" was the material prepared by the worker at the Council's request. It carried the assertion that the division of responsibility on state, county and municipal levels often interfered with an overall government program.

It also listed the worker's statement that another problem in a government child welfare program is "private interests." It quoted a section of the study as asserting that when private interests interfere with the welfare of children, "generally private interests prevail." The study gave as instances "saloons near schools or harmful movies."

"Additional evidence" was that the worker recommended as reference material the publication In Fact and The Great Conspiracy Against Russia, by Albert Kahn and Michael Sayres.

The union pointed out that the employee is a trained group worker and holds an M. A. degree. Helen Mangold, local 19 president, declared the worker was "a highly skilled, highly competent professional worker whose interpretation and application of the Council's program has won her commendations from leaders of the NCJW throughout the United States."

Mrs. Mangold said the Council had violated "the spirit if not the letter" of the union contract and that there had been no consultation with the employee or her supervisor prior to the Council's step.

Morris L. Ernst, Civil Liberties Union attorney, was retained by the Council as its lawyer in the case. Murray Barton is labor relations consultant for the Council.



by BARNARD ROBIN

HAROLD E. STASSEN, the "liberal" boy wonder of the Republican Party, has given the GOP high command definite assurances that he's all out against labor—and is ready to go down the line for the National Association of Manufacturers. Stassen's commitment was made in an off-the-cuff speech before the Union League Club the evening of Jan. 6. In that speech, he advocated:

1. Outlawing the closed shop.
2. Restricting the right to strike.
3. Revision of the Wagner Act to give employers "freedom to say anything they like to their employees during an organizing drive."

At the conclusion of his speech Stassen was given a standing ovation by the cartel-clutch. The general reaction there was one of surprise and pleasure that Stassen was "so safe a man."



TOWN TALK

Sonny Terry, the harmonica player in Finian's Rainbow, does a number which necessitates close coordination with the orchestra. Terry, however, is unable to watch the conductor's baton. He is blind.

Coordination was established, therefore, by means of a telephonic set-up. Orchestra conductor Milton Rosenstock counts out the beat through a small transmitting apparatus into an ear-phone worn by Terry. . . .

Britain's Prime Minister Clement Attlee; novelist J. B. Priestley; Air Minister Philip Noel-Baker; Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, will be heard on Norman Corwin's One World Flight radio program Tuesday, Jan. 21, over the CBS network.

On the same program you will also be able to hear the interview with Louis Aragon, famed Communist poet, novelist and Resistance leader, and scientist Frederick Joliot recorded by Corwin when he was in France. . . .

Jan Peerce, who sang his 100th performance at the Metropolitan Opera House last Monday night as the Duke in Rigoletto, will appear for the first time this summer at the opera in Mexico City. (If you're not one of the Met's steady customers, you may remember Peerce for his outstanding job in the film Hymn of the Nations. . . .)

The new Screen Publicists Guild officers will be inducted tonight, Leon Roth of United Artists, president (as predicted in here some time ago); Phil Gerard of MGM, first vice-president; Ben Wertheim of Fox, second vice-president; Helen Gwynn of Warner's, secretary, and Herman Silver of Columbia, treasurer. . . .

One of the stories behind Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's lopping-off of \$8,000,000 worth of non-relatives is said to be the fact that Paramount upped up with a greater 1946 profit—and a smaller payroll.

Of course, Paramount's prexy doesn't receive a million dollars a year in salary, but MGM's Louis B. Mayer doesn't mention that (Paramount's head man isn't starving to death either). . . .

The Army has cancelled all USO shows for the troops in Europe, Stateside, only a few are operating—mostly in hospitals. Pacific occupation troops are still enjoying them, though. . . .

Arthur Miller's new play All of Our Sons won rave notices in New Haven. He's the author of Focus. . . . Fredric March's incredible moultache displayed in Ruth Gordon's Years Ago is his own creation—and home grown. . . .

The largest mass trial in American history is now taking place in Los Angeles. The defendants are 1,200 members of the Conference of Studio Unions who were banged up in the Hollywood strike and then arrested. As there was no courtroom large enough in L.A. to hold the trial, a hall had to be hired. Scene of the trial now: Patriotic Hall! . . .

I liked Dorothy Parker's attack against Marcantonio's opponents at the testimonial dinner for the fighting Congressman. Her remarks she said were directed at all of them—from Dewey up! . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

How come PM still has Disney's chauvinistic Song of the South on its recommended list? . . .

The Zionist Review is now featuring a crossword puzzle in Hebrew. . . .

Arthur Hays Sulzberger's (owner of the New York Times) statement that the British were justified in their occupation tactics in Palestine, caused one Zionist leader to comment sourly, "Why should he worry? His national homeland is in Wall Street. . . ."

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CHARGE GOP SNUB SHERBELL

ALBANY, Jan. 14.—Refusal of the GOP leadership in the State Senate today to appoint Sen. Kenneth Sherbell, Brooklyn American Laborite, to the Senate Labor Committee is a "calculated snub of organized labor," said ALP Legislative Director Leo Isacson.

Appointments to committee are made by Sen. Benjamin F. Feinberg, GUR tory who is majority leader. As sole ALP member in the chamber, Sherbell submitted in advance a list of committees on which he would like to serve. Labor was among them.

An official of Local 65 of the CIO Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65 Sherbell is the sole member of the Senate directly connected with organized labor.

His committee assignments are Aviation, General Laws, Penal Institutions, Public Health and En-

grossed In the Assembly, the sole American Laborite, Assemblyman Samuel Kaplan, also of Brooklyn, was placed on the Labor and Industries Committee, the Committee on Cities (outside of New York) and Motor Vehicles.

Minority Leader Irwin Steingut, Brooklyn Democrat, today proposed to amend the rules to allow a bill to get to the floor through petition signed by 25 members. The Republican majority said emphatically NO.

At present, all bills are sent to committee where they die unless Dewey or his lieutenants give them the go-ahead sign.

The Assembly completed action on the Governor's \$25,000,000 emergency housing program after Democrats and Kaplan charged it was inadequate.